POPULATION AND DEMOGRAPHICS

Colorado's 2006 population was 4,753,377 (US Census Bureau estimate, Dec. 2006).

- Colorado added one million new residents between 1990 and 2000, and has added almost 350,000 since the 2000 Census.
- Colorado ranks 22nd in population among all states.

The following table shows the population census counts, estimates, and projections for Colorado, major Metropolitan Statistical Areas, and regions, from 2000 to 2035.

COLORADO POPULATION (2000-2035)

REGION	2000	2005	2010	2025	2035
	July 1	Projection	Projection	Projection	Projection
	Estimate				
COLORADO	4,338,789	4,722,460	5,209,892	6,787,307	7,798,107
Front Range	3,538,755	3,866,821	4,250,200	5,425,645	6,195,569
 Denver/Boulder 	2,418,292	2,627,314	2,850,055	3,543,553	3,954,344
Region					
 Greeley MSA 	183,560	228,729	264,853	419,741	551,288
 Ft. Collins MSA 	253,131	271,990	296,519	403,147	473,223
 Colorado Springs 	541,718	587,689	672,582	849,468	973,313
MSA					
 Pueblo MSA 	142,054	151,099	166,191	209,736	243,401
Western Slope	468,368	513,062	585,313	854,379	1,026,411
Central Mountains	126,179	131,784	147,571	217,820	250,965
San Luis Valley	46,416	48,521	51,720	61,728	67,242
Eastern Plains	159,071	162,272	175,088	227,735	257,920

Source: Colorado Department of Local Affairs, State Demographer's Office, November 2006 For more detailed population information, please see State Demography website – http://dola.colorado.gov/dlg/demog/pop_colo_forecasts.html

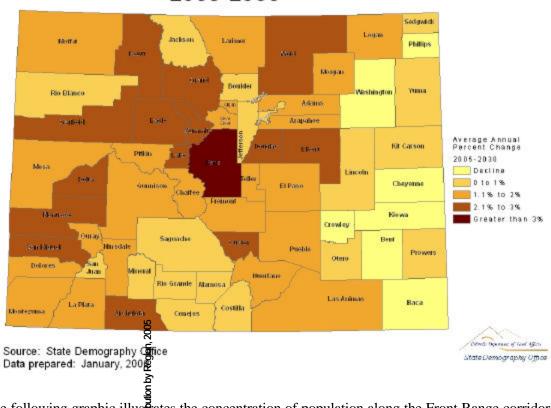
Composition Of Regions

- **Front Range** includes Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, El Paso, Jefferson, Larimer, Pueblo, and Weld counties.
- Western Slope includes Archuleta, Delta, Dolores, Eagle, Garfield, Grand, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Jackson, La Plata, Mesa, Moffat, Montezuma, Montrose, Ouray, Pitkin, Rio Blanco, Routt, San Juan, San Miguel, and Summit counties.
- Central Mountains includes Chaffee, Clear Creek, Custer, Fremont, Gilpin, Huerfano, Lake, Las Animas, Park, and Teller counties.
- San Luis Valley includes Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral, Rio Grande, and Saguache counties.

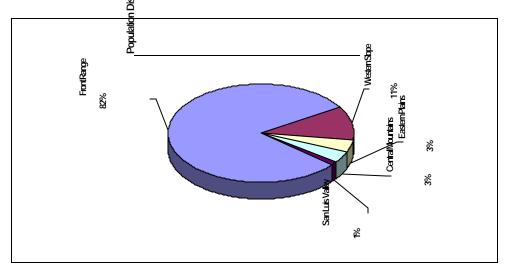
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• Eastern Plains includes Baca, Bent, Cheyenne, Crowley, Elbert, Kiowa, Kit Carson, Lincoln, Logan, Morgan, Otero, Phillips, Prowers, Sedgwick, Washington, and Yuma counties.

Average Annual Percent Change 2005-2030



The following graphic illus ates the concentration of population along the Front Range corridor:



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Colorado's population is projected to increase by over three million people between 2005 and 2035. In-migration to Colorado typically accounts for nearly sixty percent of total population growth. The remaining share of added population is attributed to natural increase - births minus deaths. Net in-migration is difficult to predict, as it fluctuates widely with both the regional and national economies, and other factors such as retirees moving in, people moving for quality of life and other intangibles.

BASIC DEMOGRAPHICS

Variable	COLORADO	U.S.
Median Age (2006)	35.4 (41 st)	36.4
Percent of Population	25.8%	25.4%
Under Age 18		
Percent of Population	9.7%	12.1%
Over Age 65		
Race/Ethnicity (U.S. Census, 20	05 Estimate)	
Percent White (non-Hispanic)	71.9%	66.8%
Percent Black	3.6%	12.1%
Percent American Indian	0.9%	0.8%
Percent Asian	2.6%	4.3%
Percent Two or more races	2.6%	1.9%
Percent Hispanic (of any race)	19.5%	14.5%
Labor Force Participation, Popu	ılation Age 16 and Over (U.S. Cen	sus, 2006)
Percent in Labor Force	72.8%	69.2%
Educational Attainment, Age 25	and Over (U.S. Census, 2006)	
Percent College Grads	34.3%	27%
(or higher)	(Ranks 3rd in the nation)	
Percent High School	88%	84.1%
Grads (or higher)	(Ranks 17 th in the nation)	
Income		
Median Household	\$52,015	\$48,451
Income, 2006		
Per Capita Income, 2006	\$39,186	\$36,276
•	(Ranks 7 th in the nation)	•

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2006, U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Colorado Department of Local Affairs, Demography Office, Colorado Department of Labor & Employment.

Further Information can be found at the Colorado Economic and Demographic Information System: http://www.dola.state.co.us/is/cedishom.htm

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